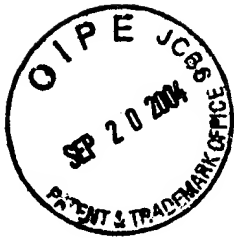


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**MAIL STOP ISSUE FEE**

Application No. 09/700,732

**Allowed:** December 8, 2003

Atty. Docket No. 0380-P02328US0

Filed: March 19, 2001

**CONFIRMATION NO.:** 7974

For: **NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCE  
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**REQUEST TO CHARGE DEPOSIT ACCOUNT**

Upon review of the above-identified patent application at the time of allowance, it was noted that the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 ("Notification") dated January 18, 2001 set a one-month response period and that the applicants' declaration required by the Notification was filed March 19, 2001 without a petition for extension of time.

The Transmittal Letter to the U.S. Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) Concerning a Filing Under 35 U.S.C. 371 (Form PTO-1390), which was submitted with the declaration in response to the Notification included authorization for the PTO to charge any additional fee which may be required to Deposit Account No. 04-1406. As provided in 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)(3), such an authorization constitutes a constructive petition for extension of time in any concurrent reply requiring a petition for extension of time for its timely submission.


Copies of the aforementioned Notification and PTO-Form 1390 are submitted herewith.

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A review of the Deposit Account Statement for Deposit Account No. 04-1406 of the undersigned attorney revealed that the Deposit Account was not charged for the petition fee authorized to be charged in the Form PTO-1390, as previously noted.

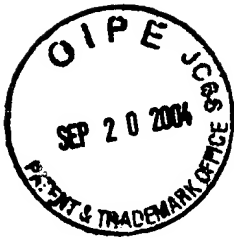
Accordingly, the Commissioner is hereby requested to charge Deposit Account No. 04-1406 the appropriate petition fee for a one-month extension of time that should have been charged at the time applicants' Declaration was filed on March 19, 2001.

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**REQUEST TO APPLY PREVIOUSLY PAID ISSUE FEE IN**  
**ALLOWED APPLICATION SUBSEQUENTLY WITHDRAWN**  
**FROM ISSUE THEREAFTER REALLOWED**

Please apply the issue fee, which has been previously paid on March 8, 2004, to the above-identified application, which was originally allowed December 8, 2003, withdrawn from issue after payment of the issue fee, per Notice of Withdrawal From Issue Under 37 C.F.R. §1.313(b) dated April 20, 2004, and again found allowable, per Notice of Allowance dated June

15, 2004.

Copies of the following papers from the file of the above-identified patent application are enclosed:

1. Notice of Allowance, dated December 8, 2003.
2. PTOL-85-Part B-Fee(s) Transmitted with Certificate of Mailing.
3. Issue Fee payment (Check No. 38190 in the amount of \$1,360.00.)
4. Post Card Receipt, bearing a PTO date stamp of March 10, 2004.
5. Notice of Withdrawal From Issue Under 37 C.F.R. 1.313(b).
6. Notice of Allowance, dated June 15, 2004.

Authorization is hereby given to charge payment of any amount of issue fee presently required, in addition to the issue fee already paid, and to charge any additional fees required by this paper, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 04-1406.

A duplicate of this paper is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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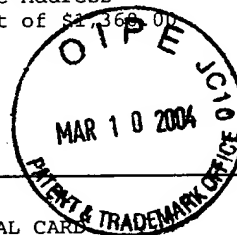
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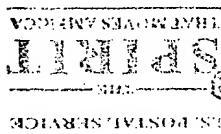
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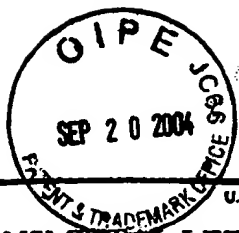
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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES  
DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)  
CONCERNING A FILING UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371**

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U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5)

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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.

PCT/GB99/01597

INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE

20 May 1999

PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED

20 May 1998

TITLE OF INVENTION

NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCE IDENTIFICATION

APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US

WHITCOMBE, David Mark et al.

Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

1. ☐ This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. ☒ This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
3. ☐ This express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)) at any time rather than delay examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit set in 35 U.S.C. 371(b) and PCT Articles 22 and 39(1).
4. ☐ A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.
5. ☐ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
  - a. ☐ is transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
  - b. ☐ has been transmitted by the International Bureau.
  - c. ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
6. ☐ A translation of the International Application into English (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
7. ☐ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
  - a. ☐ are transmitted herewith (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau).
  - b. ☐ have been transmitted by the International Bureau.
  - c. ☐ have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendemnts has NOT expired.
  - d. ☐ have not been made and will not be made.
8. ☐ A translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
9. ☒ An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).
10. ☐ A translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

Items 11. to 16. below concern document(s) or information included:

11. ☐ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
12. ☐ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
13. ☐ A FIRST preliminary amendment.  
☐ A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.
14. ☐ A substitute specification.
15. ☐ A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.
16. ☒ Other items or information:

Copy of Form PCT/DO/EO/905 (December 1997)

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09/700,732INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.  
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0380-P02328US017. ☐ The following fees are submitted:

BASIC NATIONAL FEE (37 CFR 1.492 (a) (1) - (5)):

Search Report has been prepared by the EPO or JPO .....

International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482)  
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but international search fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) .....Neither international preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) nor  
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Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be  
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1.137(a) or (b)) must be filed and granted to restore the application to pending status.

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**NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)**

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- ☐ a Designated Office (37 CFR 1.494).
  - ☒ an Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495):
  - ☒ U.S. Basic National Fee.
  - ☒ Copy of the international application in:
    - ☐ a non-English language.
    - ☒ English.
  - ☒ Translation of the international application into English.
  - ☐ Oath or Declaration of inventors(s) for DO/EO/US.
  - ☐ Copy of Article 19 amendments.
  - ☐ Translation of Article 19 amendments into English.
  - ☒ The International Preliminary Examination Report in English and its Annexes, if any.
  - ☐ Translation of Annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report into English.
  - ☒ Preliminary amendment(s) filed 20 NOV 2000 and \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) filed \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Assignment document.
  - ☐ Power of Attorney and/or Change of Address.
  - ☐ Substitute specification filed \_\_\_\_\_.
  - ☐ Verified Statement Claiming Small Entity Status.
  - ☒ Priority Document.
  - ☒ Copy of the International Search Report ☒ and copies of the references cited therein.
  - ☐ Other:
2. The following items **MUST** be furnished within the period set forth below in order to complete the requirements for acceptance under 35 U.S.C. 371:
- ☐ a. Translation of the application into English. Note a processing fee will be required if submitted later than the appropriate 20 or 30 months from the priority date.
    - ☐ The current translation is defective for the reasons indicated on the attached Notice of Defective Translation.
  - ☐ b. Processing fee for providing the translation of the application and/or the Annexes later than the appropriate 20 or 30 months from the priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).
  - ☒ c. Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the International application number and international filing date.
    - ☐ The current oath or declaration does not comply with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b) for the reasons indicated on the attached PCT/DO/EO/917.
  - ☐ d. Surcharge for providing the oath or declaration later than the appropriate 20 or 30 months from the priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).
3. Additional claim fees of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ as a ☐ large entity ☐ small entity, including any required multiple dependent claim fee, are required. Applicant must submit the additional claim fees or cancel the additional claims for which fees are due. See attached PTO-875.

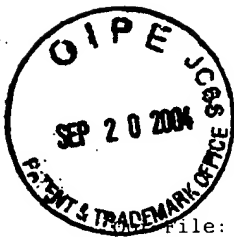
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The time period set above may be extended by filing a petition and fee for extension of time under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

4. Translation of the Annexes **MUST** be submitted no later than the time period set above or the annexes will be cancelled. Note processing fee will be required if submitted later than 30 months from the priority date.
5. ☐ The Article 19 amendments are cancelled since a translation was not provided by the appropriate 20 (37 CFR 494(d)) or 30 (37 CFR 1.495(d)) months from the priority date.

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U.S. Serial No. 09/700,732

Intl. Appln. No. PCT/GB99/01597

Intl. Filing Date: 05-20-99

Entitled: NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCE  
IDENTIFICATION

The following papers have been received:

- Certificate of Express Mail
- Transmittal Letter to the DO/EO/US Concerning a Filing Under 35 U.S.C. §371 (in duplicate)
- Declaration, Power of Attorney and Power to Inspect
- Copy of Form PCT/DO/EO/905

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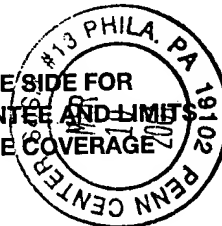


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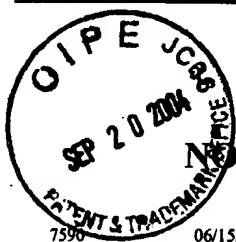
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09/700,732	03/19/2001	David Mark Whitcombe	0380-P02328US	7974

TITLE OF INVENTION: NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCE IDENTIFICATION

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